

REMARKS

The specification has been amended, and new claims 14-18 have been added. Claims 1-18 are pending, with claims 1, 3, and 14-18 being independent.

Attached hereto is an Appendix entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" which is a marked-up version of the portions of the application which have been amended by the present preliminary amendment with underlining indicating added matter.

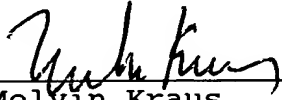
A claim for priority was filed on March 21, 2001. Acknowledgement of the claim for priority is respectfully requested.

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on March 21, 2001. Consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Changes made to the application by the present preliminary amendment are indicated below with underlining indicating added matter.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph on page 1, lines 3-6, of the specification has been deleted and replaced with the following replacement paragraph:

--This application is a division of application Serial No. 08/176,689 filed on January 3, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 6,219,909, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 07/799,143 filed on November 27, 1991, now abandoned.--

IN THE CLAIMS

New claims 14-18 have been added.